IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Ghoshal

Serial No.: 09/726,281

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For: Method and Apparatus for Characterization of Thermal Response of GMR Sensors in Magnetic Heads for Disk Drives Group Art Unit: 2125

Examiner: Kasenge, Charles R.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

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